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### AN ASSIGNMENT FROM GOD WHILE WINTER TIRES ARE INSTALLED

The Stunning Road to Muslim Conversion of Women of France.  
AT A TIRE SHOP.

On a warm October day three days ago, I went to the tire shop to put on my all-season tires to beat the rush of people when it starts to snow. I like to be early with this endeavor. In less than 10 minutes, a Muslim woman, Chaffik, from Algeria, came into the waiting room and sat a distance from me.

(I thought, honestly, I'll frighten her if I would even dare to get up and sit next to her. But my instinct, or the will of God or my curiosity flooded over me. I got up and sat down right next to her.) As I quietly read my Bible, I found out she was 29, married, and from Algiers, Algeria, a country she loves. Right into the story mode I snapped. Each story was like I was finished and over with further discussion with her. I sort of hoped for that too.

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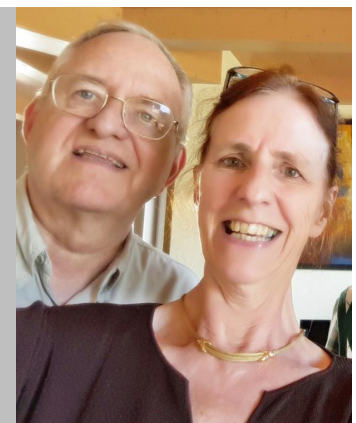
## PLANNING FOR His Kingdom

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But I told her how I gave my AB+ blood to a woman and her baby who were hemorrhaging nearly to death when we led a team of 37 across the Sahara Desert from Algeria to Ghana, a 6 week drive, for those of you who like a Sunday drive to a faraway place. How the woman and baby celebrated life by their group dancing in their traditional garb and hosting our team of 37 around a giant calabash of couscous. A life was saved. I was searching for a point, a key, an entry to her heart. Her response was, "Good."

I recited from the Word how in Genesis 2 that God made Adam and Eve, naked and without shame. She loved that. I told her that we Westerners know zero, nothing about shame, though that was a slight exaggeration. Genesis 3 is where the garden couple sinned and became filled with shame. God still spoke to them, drawing them to Himself. I said the Koran is flat wrong when it says that God will not talk or interact ever with human beings. Her response, "I know He speaks. Otherwise how could He forgive us?" She was warming up to God.

Then I said that the Algerian who worked with me to plant a church became a Christian by reading Genesis 2 and 3. She was about to explode with shock. But that dimmed down.

I thanked her for the greatness of the Algerian and Muslim hospitality that is dozens of times more inviting than what we have in Europe. And their food is so good. Her response was, "It's very true."

All this was in French and I felt like saying to God, "Where is your fire, and can't it fall now?"

But then a fresh idea came to me, totally from God, totally untested, but so clear. Muslims claim that Mohammed is the true prophet because he is the last and final prophet. I found out she could read some English. So we turned to Revelation 1 where Jesus said He is the Alpha and the Omega. I explained that means that He is the first and the last. (No room for Mohammed, since Jesus is the end of all, the beginning and the end of all.) What a response she finally gave.

She smiled and said that that means Jesus is the ending of all things. She totally got it. Rather than shaking her hand, I crossed my hands over my chest and nodded.

Not only was my car ready to go home, but I realize that when I get excited, I can get a slight bit loud. Everyone at Euromaster Tires in the waiting room heard these stories. But it's hard to explain one thing that is highly personal. I left the shop feeling that God set this thing up, and if so, He's sending me a signal that He is interested in using me, because He did use me.

It's the hardest thing to explain, in that being used by God means fitting into His plan, and therefore I felt a belonging. It's not the only way to feel that sense of belonging in God, but this one was for me and for her. Harmony with God's will is undeniably one of the greatest privileges you or I can have, especially because of your prayers extended to us and your trust and care for us. We are humbled. You were in this too, dearest friends. Because of God, because of you. Let's pray for that young lady in the tire shop, Chaffik.



**"Jamaat" is Arabic for Disciple Making Communities**